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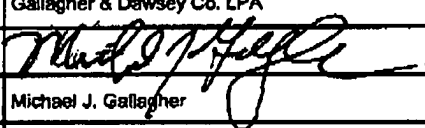
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### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed, October 7, 2004, Applicant acknowledges Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and has amended claims 1, 9, and 15 to overcome the 35 USC §112 rejections. Applicant respectfully traverses all the rejections.

5      **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11.